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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 30-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 28 and 29 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 14-15, 20-27, and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldner et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,256,341).

Goldner et al teach the structure as claimed (See Figures 1-6 and the specification).

Claims 14-15, 20-27, and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yasui (U.S. Patent No. 4,606,578).

Yasui teaches the structure as claimed (See Figures 2-6 and the specification).

Claims 14-27 and 30-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yokota (U.S. Patent No. 4,640,549).

Yokota teaches the structure as claimed (See Figures 1-6 and the specification).

Claims 14-27 and 30-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boisset (U.S. Patent No. 4,668,014).

Boisset teaches the structure as claimed (See Figures 1-5 and the specification).

Claims 14-15, 20-27, and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ishida et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,678,232).

Ishida et al teach the structure as claimed (See Figures 2-6 and the specification).

Claims 14-15, 20-27, and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanino et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,798,415).

Tanino et al teach the structure as claimed (See Figures 1-4 and the specification).

Claims 14-15, 20-27, and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ishida et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,830,434).

Ishida et al teach the structure as claimed (See Figures 1-6 and the specification).

Claims 14-15, 20-27, and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yetukuri et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,899,395 B2).

Yetukuri et al teach the structure as claimed (See Figures 1-4B and the specification).

Claims 14-15, 20-27, and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gauthier et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,935,696 B2).

Gauthier et al teach the structure as claimed (See Figures 1-4 and the specification).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 37-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokota (U.S. Patent No. 4,606,578).

Yokota teaches an obvious use of the structures as claimed.

Claims 37-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boisset (U.S. Patent No. 4,668,014).

Boisset teaches an obvious use of the structures as claimed.

Claims 28-29 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Terada et al, Russo et al, Daniels, and Nemoto teach structures similar to the present invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney B. White whose telephone number is (571) 272-6863. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-6670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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